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Above: Friends of Clayton 'Doc' King gathered on Friday as King was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives for his work in aiding, assisting, and being an asset in the community he served. Photo by Marilou Newell

On the Cover: How do you put a Santa hat on a giant seahorse? If you've ever wondered, here's the scoop. This year, Corey Silva from Brownell Systems was the lucky one who was hoisted up to the top to secure Salty's holiday hat. The giant hat, which was created using sailcloth and has a white float as a topper, is a traditional icon for the holidays in Mattapoisett. Jenny Mello from the Mattapoisett Land Trust said she wasn't sure how the hat would best fit as this is the first time placing the hat with the solar panel which was added when the hat was removed last year. The solar panel is used to power the light in Salty's eye. In the end the hat was placed and the holidays we're official kicked off at the Dunseith Gardens. Photo by Paul Lopes

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Clayton 'Doc' King Honored

By Marilou Newell

Dateline: December 18, 1959 – Baltimore – Event – Clayton King goes on a blind date that will change his life. On this momentous date, Clay met Veronica (or 'Roni' as she is known by family and friends). Little did they know this was the beginning of a journey that would change them forever.

Born in Orono, Maine, King's family migrated to New Bedford where he graduated from New Bedford High School. He then went on to study at Providence College (graduated in 1959) and finally at the University of Baltimore's School of Dentistry. He would be the first in his family to graduate from college. While at dentistry school, another student suggested that King go on a blind date with his girlfriend's friend. That was when and where Clay met Roni. Fortunately for them, they both agreed to the date, and the rest is history.

Clayton and Roni married and eventually settled in Mattapoisett, where they raised their children Mike, Kathy and Dan (besides his children, King has five grandchildren). Almost from the beginning when he opened his dental practice, Clay or 'Doc', as he became known, began giving back to the community.

King would spend the next fifty- plus years working as a dentist in Mattapoisett while also working tirelessly for the community that he loved. "Clay is a driver ... [developing] social events for couples at the Lions," said Chuck McCullough, a good friend and long-

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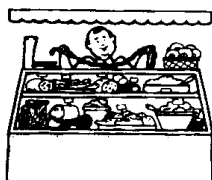
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time associate from the Lions Club. Bill Calusine, a fellow Lion said, "No one is more deserving [of the award] than Clay." Calusine continued, "Besides pulling teeth ... he made numerous contributions to the community."

There apparently wasn't an event or community need in the area in which the Doc hasn't been involved. From membership on the committee that spearheaded a tri-town regional school district, to commercial endeavors with the development of an industrial park, to his participation in the Lions Club – in 1992, he was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow in recognition of his commitment to serving the world community – to his involvement with the Knights of Columbus and the soup kitchen at the Puritan Church in New Bedford, King was there. He never rested if there was a need or community activity that could benefit the people of the area. And he managed all of this while being a dental professional, as well as a devoted husband and father.

On December 6, the Massachusetts House of Representatives honored King with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work in aiding, assisting, and being an asset in the community he served. He received his award at the Sippican Nursing Home, where he is recovering from a recent stroke. It is a statement of the love and appreciation from his family, friends, and his community that many were present when R. Tyler MacCallister, Chairman of the Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen, presented the award conferred on King. King was smiling.

Friends and family gathered around King as he received this acknowledgment of his work, his desire to be an example of what is possible, and his desire to improve the lives of those around him by simply doing all

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"I've never seen him without a smile on his face," said Barbara Saunders, who has worked with King at the soup kitchen at the Puritan Church in New Bedford. Donald Fleming said, "I've known him for fifty years!" and the fact that he was there to witness this award speaks volumes to King's positive influence. But it was his families' remembrances which struck the chord of what he truly means. His niece Beth Valliere said, "He is an amazing role model."

His son Mike said, "Sometimes he was paid with vegetables or fish if the people couldn't pay for their dental bills." He didn't turn anyone away.

By his side through it all has been his wife, Roni. Speaking on behalf of her husband, along with their daughter Kathy Goulart, they shared that he was the prime mover in establishing the annual Easter Egg Hunt at St. Anthony's, various art auctions and antique evaluations through the Lions Club, and numerous

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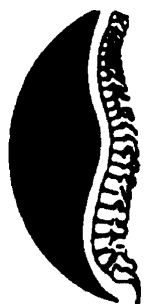
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events through the Knights of Columbus. He himself is a past King Lion. Goulart said, "He's probably hung over 200,000 posters..." indicating his devotion to and marketing know-how of the community events he was so committed to over the years.

The outpouring of love and support King received is a measure of the man whose work for the community has been unceasing and outstanding for decades.

Bright Season Ahead for Grey Season **By Marilou Newell**

You may not have heard of the folk/rock band 'Grey Season', but chances are you will in the future. Local musicians Ian Jones (ORR 2011) of Rochester and Ben Burns (ORR 2011) of Mattapoissett, along with their band mates, have been invited to record their first full-length album.

During a recent gig in Boston, where Jones and Burns are currently students at Berklee College of Music, they were noticed by Ben Grotto, a music producer affiliated with Levon Helms Studios in Woodstock, NY. Grotto suggested that the group meet with engineering recording great, Justin Guip, whose work has earned him a Grammy Award and who is also part of Helms Studios.

For the uninitiated, Levon Helms was a musician whose talents found him playing in the 1950's and 60's with such greats as Ronnie Hawkins and Bob Dylan, just to name a few. In his later life, he settled into working with younger talented musicians by mentoring, instructing, and helping them mature in their craft. Also probably obscure to the average music listener are Bobby Grotto and Justin Guip. Grotto's curriculum vitae lists

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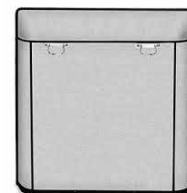
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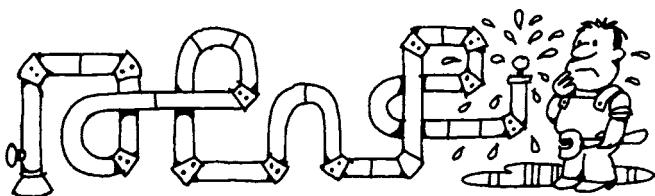


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Grey Season's musical style, as stated on their Facebook page, is a blend of 'Mother Folk and Father Rock'. When I spoke to Ian by phone recently, he was just beginning his busy day of classes, but his excitement over this opportunity came through loud and clear: "This is going to be *huge* for us!" He said the band was originally a trio that he and Burns spotted in Boston. Soon they joined the group, adding depth with bass and drums as well as other vocal talents all blending with Irish instruments and guitars, and producing a truly unique sound worthy of notice. Playing their original scores at venues around Boston, as well as the traditional street performances, the group has come together with soulful new combinations. It was this sound that perked the ears of Grotto. But even when opportunity knocks, there is a cost to pay.

The group has to raise some front money in order to accept the invitation-only recording date. An entry fee of \$10,000 is needed by December 22. They are just north of half way there as they get the word out to their fans and supporters. The fee covers necessities such as studio costs, professional mixing, mastering, and duplication, which are all elements needed to bring a great sounding group to the masses. Their "Kickstart" fundraising is in full swing. To learn more, visit www.greyseasonmusic.com or contact greyseasonband@gmail.com. You can also call Jones at 949-689-6676.

Diary of a Wimpy Gramma

This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

Dear Diary, today I couldn't be brave any longer. Well, I really wasn't being that brave to begin with anyway, but today I caved in completely to my back pain. I didn't or couldn't sleep last night because I was miserable with pain. I'm not going to gloss over it and call it that euphemistic term 'discomfort'. Pain is pain. Period.



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Diary, you know I try to put on a strong face because I've dealt with so many inconvenient painful body parts over my 6-plus decades of walking the planet.

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And then remember that time my sister was riding me on the back of her bike when my right ankle connected with the rear spokes and tore it open. Oh good gawd almighty - remember. My Father carried me into the Doctor's office a block away and held me down while the fiendish doctor sewed it back together with thick black cat-gut sutures. You'd think I would have forgotten it by now, but I think my screaming is still making its way back from Jupiter.

Then there was the jumping off of stone pillars at Tabor Field and wrecking my knees. I learned to enjoy the fizzle of peroxide on raw open wounds. Yeah, that's the ticket.

Later on there was the three-week recovery from the tonsillectomy I had at age 28, the wisdom teeth I had removed, one a year for four years consecutive years between the ages of 30 and 34. But probably the pièce de résistance of my pain experience was having a child. It is said that women forget that pain. Methinks that is a misnomer of monumental proportions.

When I was a kid, I cried when I hurt. Now I just get angry. I've got things to do, places to go, people to talk to ... the world needs me. Alas, with back spasms I'm not going too far too soon for sure. Yeah, I'm disappointed the world has kept on turning in my absence. As is said when language fails, those that appreciate it and those that

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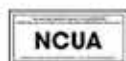
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Going to the ER on a weekday is bad enough, but going on a weekend should only be attempted if you need life support equipment, you're bleeding profusely, or drunk out of your mind and don't know any better, "*escus meee, sarrry, escus me, I tink I hert myiiii toe...*"

As I tried to find a semi-acceptable position for my fanny, legs and feet that wouldn't cause the back muscles to sing in unison 'nanna, nanna, nanna' I assessed my other options. I could try some of the expired pain



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medications I found at the bottom of the medicine cabinet. After speaking with a pharmacist over the phone, that didn't seem like a wise option. Maybe I could just tough it out until Monday, but there weren't any guarantees I could get an appointment. Most likely the receptionist would simply tell me to go to the ER. Maybe I should try the local walk-in where I'd had great luck getting good care for poison ivy and a sinus infection. I had nothing to lose except pain. I rolled the dice.

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Deep Roots in the Community

Mattapoisett's Agriculture Commission

By Marilou Newell

Mattapoisett's roots in the shipbuilding industry are rich and well documented. But take a short trip through the town's history, through the local museum, or up Acushnet or River Roads, and you'll find plenty of evidence that agriculture was once a necessary and important part of daily life for this seacoast community.

Looking back, Mattapoisett's history blends coastal activities, like fishing and boatbuilding, with farming, just a few miles away, which supported it all. Without farming, the population would not have been able to feed its growing population. Today, Mattapoisett's farming community is a tiny fragment of what it once was. Yet there are community members who are working to keep the historic farming activities alive and well.

The Nunes and Randall families are two of several in Mattapoisett whose interest in agricultural pursuits runs deep in the bloodlines. The families have several members on Mattapoisett's Agricultural Commission. Their desire to preserve farming and agricultural pursuits in Mattapoisett stems from generations of devotion to the land and commitment to a farming heritage.

The Massachusetts State website answers the following questions about agricultural commissions: **What is an Agricultural Commission (AgCom)?** A town agricultural commission (AgCom) is a standing committee of town government, created through a vote of Town Meeting and appointed by the Board of Selectmen or governing body of the town. AgComs represent the farming community, encourage the pursuit of agriculture, promote agricultural economic

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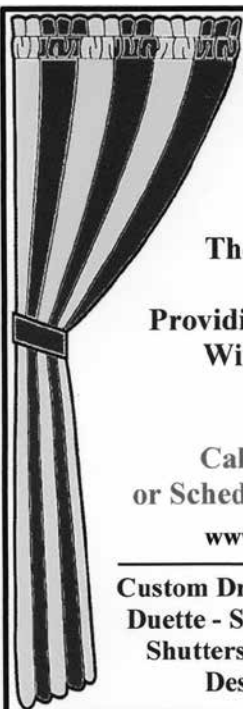
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development and protect farmlands and farm businesses, and preserve, revitalize and sustain agricultural businesses and land. In some communities they focus on farmland preservation efforts, while in others they review regulatory proposals developed by other town boards (planning board, board of health, conservation commission, etc), or provide marketing coordination to assist all farms in town. Others have played key roles in mediating farmer/neighbor disputes, or simply providing referrals for farmers needing better information. By working within town government through an AgCom, farmers enhance their credibility, and are viewed as part of the problem-solving team. **What does an AgCom do?** Serves as a local voice advocating for farmers, farm businesses and farm interests, provides visibility for farming, works with other town boards about issues facing the town that affect agriculture, helps resolve farm related problems or conflicts, protects farmland and natural resources. **Who can start an AgCom?** Any local resident or group concerned about their communities' farming, farm businesses, growth, rural character, open space, etc. can start organizing support for an AgCom. **Why are town AgComs formed?** Many towns trying to balance growth and quality of life issues are creating AgComs. The intent of an AgCom is simple: protect agricultural lands, preserve rural character, provide a voice for farmers, and encourage agricultural based businesses.

The Mattapoissett's Agricultural Commission is committed to all of those elements. Bob Spooner, one of the Chairmen of the commission, said, "We want to preserve the heritage of farming in Mattapoissett." There have also been instances where the commission has been able to successfully mediate the interests of residents and abutting farmers. Spooner shared the story of a farmer who was fighting an endless battle with crows in his cornfield by using explosive discharges from early morning until evening. Residents at their wits end were able to reach a compromise with the aid of the Agricultural Commission.

As the Mattapoissett Agricultural Commission continues to scope out just how they will impact the



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local farming community, board members - Chairman Bob Spooner, Cheryl Randall, Shi Major, George Randall, Jess Collier, Gerald Randall, and Pierce Randall, many of whom have backgrounds in farming - will continue to partner with other boards and commissions in town to assist in maintaining a farming culture before it is lost to future generations.

The commission members receive some limited financial support from the residents through a vote at Town Meeting. The State Regulations state: *Each town should decide what is an appropriate budget for the AgCom.* Existing AgCom budgets range from \$0 to \$1,000 per year.

Massachusetts regulations also note: *Unlike some other town committees, AgComs do not operate under regulatory authority from the Commonwealth. While town conservation commissions implement the State Wetlands Protection Act and planning boards enforce the local zoning code, AgComs are created at Town Meeting to represent farming interests in the town - but they do not have any legal mandate or enforcement authority.*

Additional details for Agricultural Commissions as noted on the state's website also include: *adopting local right-to-farm by-laws, raising monies for farmland protection and economic development, starting local farmer's market, providing mediation and conflict resolution on farm related disputes within town, collaborating with other town boards*

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on development proposals, educating town residents about the value of agriculture in the community, holding educational workshops on intergenerational transfer of property, Chapter 61 lands, farm viability, agricultural preservation restrictions, and obtaining technical assistance on nonpoint source pollution, conservation farm planning, manure management, and environmental stewardship.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Agricultural Commission is **February 1** at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and learn more about the farming history in Mattapoissett.

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Weigel's Work No Conflict for Rochester

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Nick Waleka

Rochester Fire Chief Scott Weigel is a man of many hats, and on Monday evening, the Rochester Board of Selectmen recognized that fact in order to avoid any Conflict of Interest issues that could have resulted had they not taken the proper precautions.

The Board approved two certifications under Conflict of Interest laws that are intended to prevent municipal employees from working for a municipality while conducting business for personal gain.

Weigel, who is a part-time Fire Chief and who works at Old Colony as a teacher in the Automotive Department, also plows for the town of Rochester, but only on an emergency basis, according to Board Chair Naida Parker.

"That's why he's a part-time fire chief and not a full time fire chief," said Parker.

Town Administrator Richard LaCamera said that the Board made the announcement and signed the certifications to acknowledge that "[they are] aware of" and "comfortable with" Weigel performing other duties within the town.

In other news, LaCamera made the Board aware of the state of the town's current nine-year contract with

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Comcast, which expires in December of 2014, and said that they need to get to work on a new contract in the near future. He said their contract with Verizon does not expire for at least a few more years.

"We're going to have to get going on that early this spring," he said.

The Board also approved several Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) license renewals for those businesses in town with licenses, including Lloyd's Market, Adrian's Package Store, Plumb Corner Market of Rochester, Rochester Golf Club, and Matt's Blackboard.

"They've all been checked out to make sure there are no violations," said LaCamera.

The Board also unanimously approved a motion to write-off delinquent accounts for some smaller ambulance bills from the town, none of which totaled more than \$100.

"We do our best to try to make all the collections that we can," said LaCamera, noting that the total was no more than \$500 or so. "It's just not worth the effort to go and get \$25.

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Covanta Site Plan Approved

Rochester Planning Board

By Nick Walecka

After months with continued open hearings, the Planning Board finally approved a Site Plan Review for a CNG (condensed natural gas) fueling station on Cranberry Highway for Covanta Clean Energy.

Board Chairman Arnold Johnson said that after a long period of "back-and-forth" between Covanta representatives and himself, Rochester engineer Kenny Motta, Town Counsel Blair Bailey, and Board Administrator Patrice LaForest, the Board was ready to vote on a motion to approve the Site Plan Review, which contains documents and drawings required to ensure that construction plans are in accordance with town and state statutes.

It was approved unanimously.

"I believe that we have everything from the applicant," said Johnson about Covanta, noting that there were a series of conditions added and subtracted from the original plans over the past few months, but the Board agreed that they finally had all the details ironed out between all parties involved.

Covanta representatives said that a construction date has not yet been set as they still need to go through the state permitting process before ground can be broken, weather permitting.

In other news, Johnson said that the



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"Hopefully by the first meeting in February, we might have somebody on board," said Johnson.

Safety and Testing Highlighted

Mattapoisett School Committee

By Marilou Newell

Chief Mary Lyons of the Mattapoisett Police Department met with the members of the Mattapoisett School Committee to outline plans for the implementation of ALICE, a new emergency safety program for schools. Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Escape is the cornerstone of an evolving plan that allows teachers and students to make some decisions based on the threat and emergency they are facing. She noted that during the Newtown tragedy, several students had the presence of mind to escape when it was clear they could do so safely. Lyons said, "This gives people the option to think on their feet, make common-sense decisions and possibly escape....versus just lockdown." The program will be tailored for each school, taking into consideration such things as the age of the children involved. Member James



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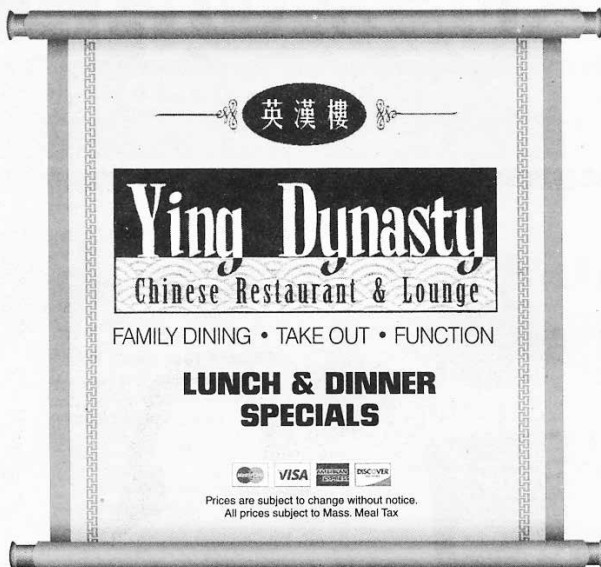
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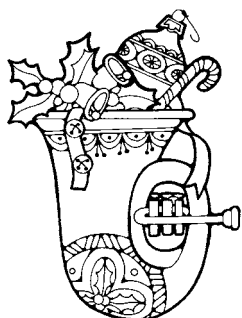
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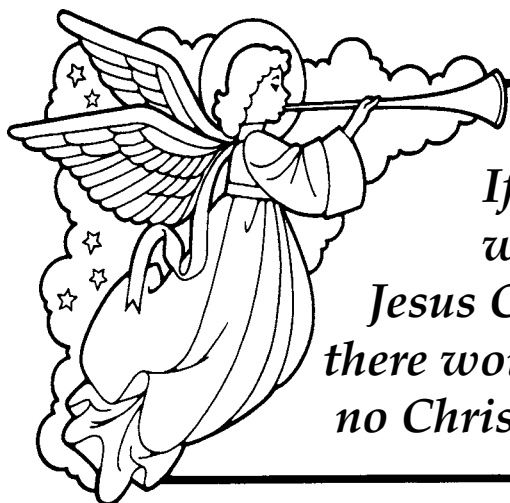
Superintendent White said, "All schools will take the ELA portion." He went on to say, "This is a pilot program...the state will make a final decision to replace

MCAS with PARCC in two years." He noted that the drawback right now is that schools are not receiving any information on how their children are doing on the tests taken, but if the state moves to this program for evaluative assessment, then individual test data will be shared. He noted another drawback as well.

White said that if the state moves to PARCC, there won't be any historical data on students' successes or needs because it will be new, whereas all schools have data with the MCAS program now.

Committee Member James Muse questioned the wisdom of increased testing and less teaching, believing it negatively impacted the students. He acknowledged that schools get data but that it does nothing for the individual student. "It's just data," he said. He then went on to say that all the testing is not a teaching tool and questioned the benefit to the student. "If we are just testing, then not much teaching is taking place," he concluded.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Elise Frangos, explained how they presently use test results from the Galileo needs assessment that help teachers focus on the individual needs of students. Those tests are taken in September and again in December. There had been plans to do them again in May to get a full year's worth of evaluation, but they have pulled back from that plan given the insertion of the PARCC testing in the school



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year. She also said they are presently prioritizing on MCAS.

White said that if the state selects PARCC, they will do so only if it is as good as, or better than, MCAS, and they plan on keeping the committee informed as more information is available.

On a lighter and merrier note, Principal Bowman invited all to attend the annual gala holiday presentation at Center School this year titled 'Melton, the Warm-Hearted Snowman' on **December 19** at 9:30 am.

Overdue Lunch Fees Discussed in Marion

Marion School Committee

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

All children are entitled to lunch, even if they can't pay for it. Overdue lunch fees for 62 students who owe a total of \$760 were discussed by the Marion School Committee on Wednesday evening. Of the 389 students who purchase school lunches, 327 students have positive account balances while 62 students have negative balances. Reminders to pay overdue balances will be sent to parents who are behind in payments for school lunches.

Schools in Massachusetts have been following a set of guidelines since 2012 which spell out the nutrition standards for foods and beverages. The goal, according to Food Services Director Caitlin Meagher, is to improve the health of children by promoting the availability of snacks that are rich in whole grains or protein, in addition to low-fat dairy products, fruits, and vegetables.

Principal Evelyn Rivet provided her report and noted that over 25 large boxes of food were donated to the Damien Food Pantry. The collection was the combined effort of the Student Council and others. Rivet thanked

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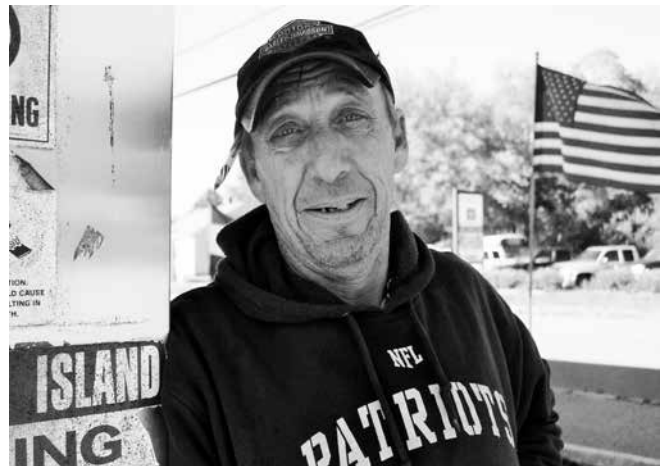
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Ms. McKeen and her third grad class for leading the charge to stock the pantry.

First trimester grades have closed and report cards will be issued to grades 1 - 6 on December 9. Current enrollment is 456 students and attendance is at 98%.

Volunteers at Sippican School (VASE) coordinated a sixth-grade field trip to the New Bedford Whaling Museum in New Bedford where students attended a solo performance of "Through the Eyes of a Friend: The World of Anne Frank", sponsored by the Zeiterion Theater. According to Rivet, students described the performance as "different, emotional, and very sad."

Facilities Director Gene Jones reported that the interior and exterior light upgrade at Sippican Elementary is completed. Jones also noted that he is conducting an energy envelope with NSTAR and will have the boiler room insulation redone to maximize heat efficiency. The emergency generator upgrade for code compliancy is completed and fully operational.

In other business, the committee, along with school administrators, is beginning the fiscal year 2015 budget process. A budget subcommittee will meet on a regular basis to work on the process.

ALICE Arrives in Rochester

Rochester School Committee

By Nick Waleka

The Rochester Memorial School Committee is on board with ALICE, a training program to be used across the Tri-Towns which offers a "different way of approaching" a potential attack on their schools.

Chief Paul McGee was on hand at a recent Committee meeting to present ALICE (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate), which he said includes a recent change in procedure that empowers teachers to evacuate their classrooms if they feel safe doing so.

In the past, teachers were advised to "lockdown" their rooms, which means to lock the doors and instruct

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their students to take cover in the classroom. Under the new training, however, they would be advised differently.

McGee said that it is the goal of the Rochester, Mattapoisett, and Marion Police Departments to have a uniform policy and subsequent training so that they would all be able to work together in case of an emergency situation at schools across the four districts within the Tri-Towns, including each of the towns and Old Colony.

"It's our vision to see a uniform evacuation and lockdown program across the Tri-Towns," said McGee. "It will be much more efficient if everyone is doing it the same way."

McGee said that the "Alert" portion of ALICE, where communication within the school is encouraged, will "make it easier" for teachers and faculty to make decisions about the "Evacuate" portion.

He also said that the "Counter" portion, where teachers, faculty, and students are instructed on how to defend themselves in a personal encounter with a shooter, would be different for high schools than it would be for elementary schools.

"[The program] has so many valuable components, and it is the best practice," said McGee. Officer Matthew McGraw and ORR Assistant Principal Michael Parker were also on hand in support of ALICE,

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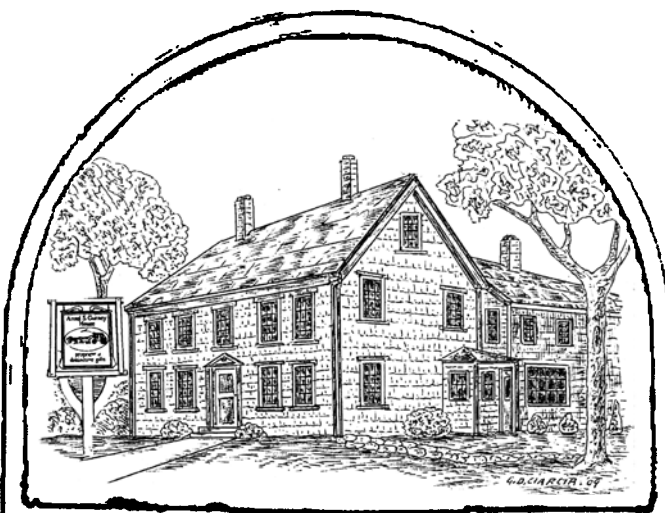
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and McGee noted that Rochester Officer Kevin Flynn has been specially trained in ALICE.

"It's my desire to give the teachers in the schools the best tools [for stopping an intruder]," said McGraw. "[We'll] start at HS and roll down to elementary schools."

The Committee also discussed PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) testing, in which RMS Grade 4 students will participate in the spring. The test, which is still in its pilot phase, takes place in two parts—a performance test and a year-end test.

The discussion revolved around whether or not students who participate in PARCC would also have to take the MCAS. Superintendent Douglas White recommended that those students also take the MCAS, as the PARCC results would not be released since the program is still in its pilot phase.

"I wouldn't recommend we opt out," said White. "We need the MCAS to help us."

ORR Teams Up with Toys for Tots

ORR Update

By Renae Reints

The holiday season has arrived in full-swing, and Old Rochester Regional is getting into the giving spirit. Toys for Tots is holding a collection at ORR High

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Heidi Graser, a science teacher at ORR, is the school's liaison to the Toys for Tots program. "My father runs the South Shore division of it," she said, adding, "It's been in my family for seven years ... Last year they moved their warehouse to Wareham and it just made sense, when looking at fundraisers, to think 'Why haven't we done this at the school, if I'm a direct contact and it's so easy to get kids involved?'"

It's true that the students of ORR have jumped at this opportunity. "We're decorating the lobby; we've made signs," said Graser, "Students are getting involved

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Students also have the opportunity to volunteer at the warehouse, located in the storefront next to Bath and Body Works at Wareham Crossing. On Black Friday, a handful of students helped organize early donations. Since then, other groups of students have gone on the weekends to help out. "If students are willing to volunteer, I will gladly open up the place," said Graser.

Student volunteers mostly help with organization. "We get shipments of toys, and then we have to divide them up by gender and age so it's easier for us to grab the toys when we need them," Graser explained, "Sometimes big organizations come to us ... they might say 'we need toys for ten 5-year-old girls,' and they'll give us a list."

Graser said that it's nice to have student volunteers pick out the toys for donation because "teenagers know what kids want better than we do."

The last batch of toys will most likely be sent out on December 21, but Toys for Tots always accepts donations. Having toys at the end of the season "gives us a base point to start with for the organizations that want the toys early," says Graser. The collection box in ORR's lobby will be accessible until December 18, while additional donations can be given at the storefront warehouse in Wareham Crossing.

Each year, the number of donations for the older kids is much lower than what is needed. Toys for Tots remembers that every child deserves a gift on Christmas day, but they can only give what they receive. Graser said some ideas for donations for the older kids include makeup kits, art supplies, board games, sport supplies, books, or movies.

"We get a lot of Candyland," said Graser, noting that this is one of the challenges Toys for Tots faces. While it's great to receive these donations, they don't want to be unknowingly sending Candyland to the same child each year.

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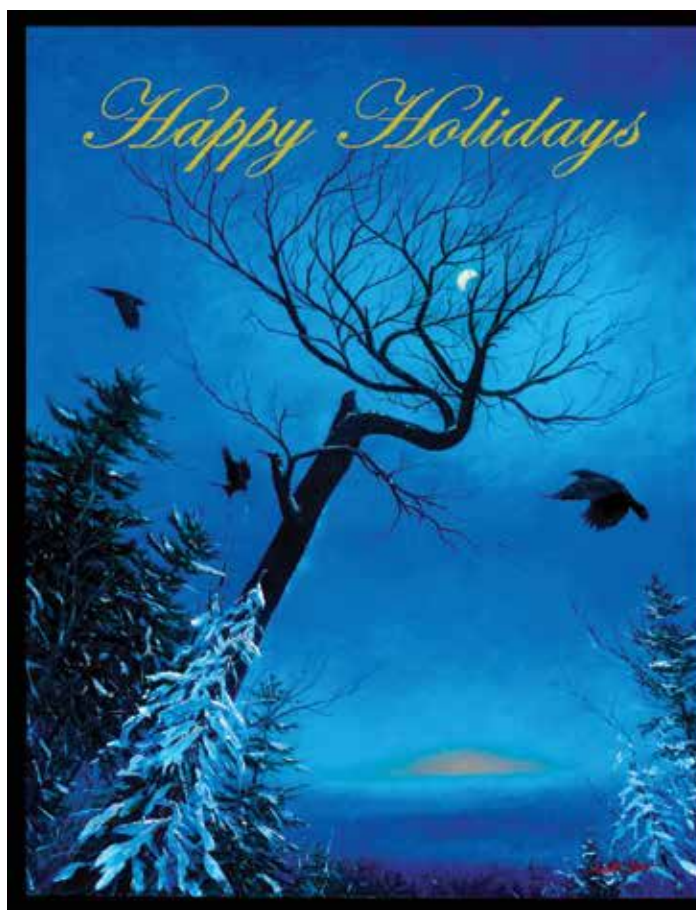
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Winter Sports Preview: Boys' Basketball

ORR Sports Update

By Michael Kassabian

Last year, the ORR varsity basketball team lacked experience playing in the competitive South Coast Conference. With only two seniors on the team, and a handful of returning juniors, the boys were not able to keep up with the field, and ended the season with a disappointing 6-14. This record also failed to qualify the boys for the MIAA state tournament. But it was a rebuilding year last year, and now the Bulldogs, who return all but 2 players from last year's squad, are looking to storm the SCC and possibly the state tournament.

The team, led by Coach Steve Carvalho, has big goals for the season. "Our first goal is to make the state tournament," said team captain and 6'5" center **Jeremy Bare**. "From there, we're looking to win the SCC Championship, and then just win as many state tournament games as we can."

The team has a legitimate shot at the SCC Championship this year, as perennial powerhouse Wareham High School lost several key seniors, including star player Darien Fernandez. Even with the loss of returners, however, Bare admits that Wareham will still be tough competition.

"Wareham's been conference champions multiple times in the past decade, so most of the teams in the SCC will be gunning for them. Until someone proves otherwise, they're the team to beat," said Bare.

The biggest asset to the Bulldogs this year will be their height. Bare was not able to disclose the varsity starting lineup, as it has not been officially announced, but he stated that each member of the starting lineup would likely be over six feet. The size of the team members, along with their athleticism, should be key factors in winning games this season.

The strategy for the Bulldogs this year revolves around this athleticism. Bare says the team plans to use their athleticism to move the ball up the court and score,

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along with getting out and running transition. However, it is early on in the season, and the team still has some work to do before they are ready for their first game.

"We could definitely improve on our back court game and ball handling," noted junior **Jordan Menard**. "You can always improve on defense, too. We're just looking to bring the final pieces into place and be ready for Stang."

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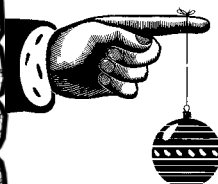
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To the Editor,

MLT and Salty Thank You!

As the President of the Mattapoisett Land Trust and a citizen of the town, I would like to thank MLT volunteer Jenny Mello for organizing the "capping" of Salty the Seahorse for the holidays. She and Cindy Brownell from Brownell Systems arranged for the crane with Cory Silva and Jonathon Henshaw once again to decorate the seahorse with his Christmas attire.

I'd also like to thank the unnamed Mattapoisett police officer who redirected traffic during the installation and kept the Brownell crew safe. She also reassured concerned passing motorists that the seahorse wasn't being removed but simply decorated for the holidays.

The MLT is pleased to be able to make this small gesture to raising the holiday spirits of the town.

Gary P. Johnson, President

Mattapoisett Land Trust

To the Editor,

I would like to thank all of the students at Old Hammondtown Elementary School for the beautiful and very creative Christmas cards that they made to send overseas to the military men and women who are serving



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The cards and the sentiments expressed by the students to "their heroes" were such a wonderful testament to how caring and loving they are and such a beautiful reflection of humankind. So many of the students wrote about wishing all the troops could come back home to be with their families for Christmas.

I would also like to thank Miss Greta Anderson for helping the students with this project and for her amazing talent that she shared with them.

Sincerely,

Alicia Sullivan

To the Editor,

The holiday season always seems appropriate to give thanks to those who we appreciate and admire. That being said, we as parents of two ORRHs graduates and one as a junior soon to become another graduate in 2015, would like to say thank you to the wonderful coaches and the athletic department for helping shape our children - for their devotion to their sports and to their consideration of each and every athlete that comes through their program. You truly have made a difference in each of our children's lives, and we appreciate it tremendously. May you all have a wonderful holiday season.

John and Betsey Oldham

To the Editor,

Thank you from the Veterans Office!

The Veterans Office for the towns of Mattapoisett and Rochester would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the generous donations made to fill our care packages for the troops. It is such a wonderful way to show these men and women they aren't forgotten, and that we appreciate their selfless service to our country. The response was overwhelming.

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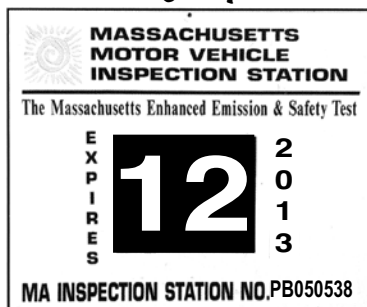
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Marion Garden Group Holiday Boutique

The Marion Garden Group will hold its annual one-day Holiday Boutique on Saturday, **December 15**, at the Marion Music Hall on Front Street in Marion. The doors open at 9:30 am, and this year the sale will conclude at 11:30 am. We encourage people to get there early! Eager buyers gather early, and there is always a mad rush when the doors open.

"Our members have been busy for months creating beautiful decorations and elegant arrangements inspired by nature and our seaside location for this highly-anticipated event," said MGG's President, Kitsie Howard. "Every year people are waiting at the door for us to open and things go quickly! Word has already spread about the great selection of festive, hand-made, holiday decorations on offer this year. The talent and dedication of our membership is inspiring."

Throughout the fall, Marion Garden Group members attend in-home workshops and create handmade ornaments, arrangements and decorative gifts for the sale. Workshops this year included: holiday lanterns, natural birdhouses and festive nests, piney paddles and lobster buoys, sea glass wreaths, seaside garlands, holiday hurricanes, shell trees and ornaments. The week prior to the sale, Marion Garden Group members create table arrangements, garlands, wreaths and floral decorations with fresh greens to be sold at the boutique.

In addition to creating holiday fare for the boutique, earlier this week the Marion Garden Group membership gathered for two days to create over 150 wreaths for members of the community who pre-ordered them. Each wreath was hand delivered as soon as they were completed. All you have to do is drive through the tri-town area to admire the group's handiwork.

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This year's winning posters can be viewed in the lobby of the Mattapoissett Post Office. Congratulations go out to first place winner, Cuylar Mathieu, second place Anneliese Schipper, third place Jillian Higgins, and honorable mentions to Grayson Lord, Elyse Pellegrino, and Erin Scott. A special thank you goes out to "No Kidding" for the donation of gift certificates.

Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting

'Holiday in the Park' at Mattapoissett's Shipyard Park takes place on **December 14** at 4:00 pm with Santa's arrival, food and beverage tent, craft activities and face painting for the little ones. There is also a tree lighting and carol sing-along. Concurrent with this event, Mattapoissett's Lions Club will collect toys and food. Bring a new unwrapped toy or canned foods for distribution to local families in need.



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Nature Crafts and Holiday Party

The Marion Natural History Museum will be hosting a Nature Crafts and Holiday Party on Wednesday, **December 18** from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. The cost is \$4.00 for members and \$6.00 for nonmembers. The event will be held at the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, Marion. We have a lot to be thankful for this year!

Please help us celebrate as we move back into our home. We will be working on projects for gift-giving using materials we find outside our front doors. Volunteers to help with crafts would be most welcome. Light refreshments will be served, but please alert us to any food allergies! Please pre-register through our

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Coaching Staff consists of Bob Marcolini, Doug Lally, Tom Walsh and Pete Marcolini. They have many years of experience coaching youth wrestling. For additional information on the program, please contact Marion Recreation at 774-217-8355 or info@marionrecreation.com.

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Marion Rochester Health District Flu Clinic

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Gateway Youth Hockey

Mite Bobcats: The Mite Bobcats suffered their third defeat of the season. The Bobcats battled back from four goals down but came up short losing 13-9 to Martha's Vineyard. **Juni Suarez, Krystian Pothel, Derek Gauvin, and Krystian Fiore** had the Bobcat goals. **Charlie Carroll** made several saves to keep the Bobcats in the game as they were short-handed on players.

Squirt Grizzlies: The Gateway Squirt Grizzlies traveled to Orleans and beat the Lower Cape Coyotes



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with a score of 7-2. **Chris Gauvin** had a hat trick and an assist to lead the offense. Newcomers **Braden MacDonald** and **Nick Bacchiocchi** scored their first goals of the season. **Stephen Old** and **Ben Martins** finished the scoring. The defense was led by Stephen Old, **Thomas Galavotti**, **Tyler Kelly** and **Ben Martins**. **Ryker King** got the win as goalie.

Pee Wee Predators: The Gateway Predators had a tough challenge on Sunday, playing an aggressive Lower Cape team. The Predators came out a little sluggish, but found the back of the net early in the first period when **Matt Maloney** tapped in a rebound with assists given to **Zack Lovendale** and brother, **Robert**. The team seemed to have trouble finding their way after not having played a game for a couple weeks. **Tyler Lovendale** gave the Predators a 2-0 lead, taking a deflected puck on a breakaway, beating the goalie blocker side. The score remained the same until Zack Lovendale beat the goalie late in the second period on unassisted goal. **Quirino doCanto** finished the scoring late in the third with a goal beating the goalie 5 hole, assisted by **Robert Maloney**. **Alex DeMarco** earned the shutout denying at least two breakaway attempts.

Pee Wee Warriors: The Gateway Warriors defeated the Braintree Silver Pee Wee team 4-1 on Saturday morning at Gallo Arena. A scoreless first period



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gave way to **Jared Westgate** finding the back of the net in the opening minute of the second, assisted by **Ben DeMoranville**. **Noah DeMoranville** added another Warrior tally in the period, from the sticks of **Jackson St. Don** and **Beth Davis**. The Warriors added two more goals in the third, as **Danny Flynn** and **Jake DeMoranville** each scored. **Robert Ramsay** had an assist and Davis would finish the game with two. **Zachary Pateakos** and **Steven Strachan** played well in net, allowing the Warriors to stay atop the Yankee Conference standings.

Maconchu Club Annual Christmas Party

The Maconchu Club of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church will have their annual Christmas Party on Friday **December 13**, starting with punch and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm catered by Panino's. Following the dinner, the Show Stoppers have promised a great show and all are welcome to join us. The deadline for ordering is December 9. For

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December Programs for Plumb Library

On Saturday, **December 14**, the Plumb Library will present a marathon reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Volunteer readers will read aloud chapters or sections of the book starting at 11:00 am. After the reading is concluded, we will have a short discussion of *A Christmas Carol*, and its importance in the celebration of Christmas. Refreshments will be served, supplied by the Friends of Plumb Library. Understudies for the readers are now being recruited. If you would like to sign up to be an understudy or assist during the reading, contact the Library Director.

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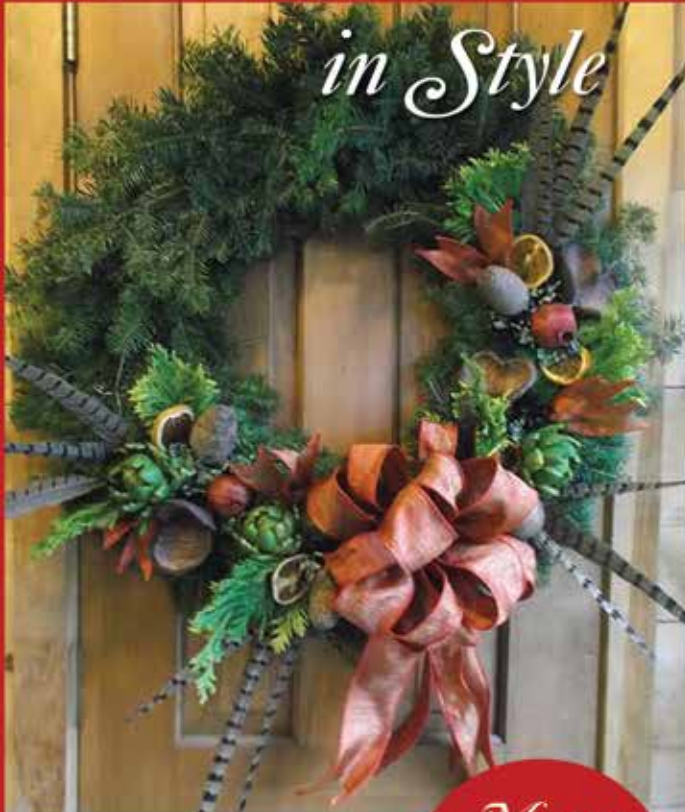
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December 1 - 26 is Food for Fines time. If you have an overdue book or fine, you can bring in nonperishable food items for Damien's Pantry, or pet food and supplies for It's All About the Animals or the Fairhaven Animal Shelter, and we'll waive your fines. This does not cover lost book or card fees, or copying and faxing fees.

Christmas Wreath Sale!

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First Congregational Church Of Marion

The First Congregational Church of Marion is holding its Annual Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, **December 14** from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Community Center, 144 Front Street (rear of parking lot), Marion.

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Thursday December 12, 2013

8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM – ORCTV Presents – The Cranberry Harvest
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
9:30 AM – The Children's Corner
10:00 AM – Expedition New England
10:30 AM – NASA 360
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – MVTV Presents an Interview with Gabriel Byrne
2:00 PM – Sippican Historical Society
3:00 PM – Art.21
3:30 PM – Tomorrow Today
4:00 PM – Senior Scene
4:30 PM – Around Town with Buster
5:00 PM – Storytellers
6:00 PM – Robbi Around Town – Christmas House Tour
7:00 PM – Living Healthy with the Woman in You
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – What's Linda Cooking?
8:30 PM – The Song
9:00 PM – Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
9:30 PM – The Brotherhood Ride
11:00 PM – Just Coolin' – The Jazz Show
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers

Friday December 13, 2013

8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Just Paws
9:00 AM – Consumer Affairs
9:30 AM – Bioneers by the Bay
10:30 AM – Melissa's Menu
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Boating Local
3:00 PM – Explore
3:30 PM – Global 3000
4:00 PM – Deutsche Welle
4:30 PM – European Journal
4:30 PM – Buzzards Bay Action Committee
6:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
6:30 PM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM – Around Town with Buster
7:30 PM – New England Journal
8:00 PM – Around BCC
8:30 PM – The Cape Cod

Vertical Lift Bridge
9:30 PM – Graceful Aging
10:00 PM – The Steve Katsos Show
10:30 PM – Get Connected
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Paranormal Generation

Saturday December 14, 2013

6:30 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM – NASA 360
9:00 AM – Just Paws
9:30 PM – The Children's Corner
10:00 AM – ORCTV Presents – The Cranberry Harvest
10:30 AM – Robbi Around Town – Christmas House Tour
11:30 AM – What's Linda Cooking
Noon – Storytellers
1:00 PM – New England Hockey Showcase
2:30 PM – Marion Auction – Antiquing 2013
3:30 PM – MVTV Presents an Interview with Gabriel Byrne
4:00 PM – A Senior Publisher Who Started from Scratch
5:00 PM – Boating Local
5:30 PM – Expedition New England
6:00 PM – Go Fish with Dan Kenney
6:30 PM – What's Linda Cooking
7:00 PM – Tina Cooks
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – The Song
8:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Europe in Concert

Sunday December 15, 2013

6:00 AM – Eckanar
6:30 AM – Words of Peace
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church
8:00 AM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
11:30 AM – Marion VFW Post 2425 Fundraising Event
Noon – Eckanar
12:30 PM – Cape Cod Book Scene
1:00 PM – Physician Focus
1:30 PM – Navigating the Way for Seniors

2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM – Words of Peace
5:30 PM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
6:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society
7:00 PM – Bioneers by the Bay
8:00 PM – Buzzards Bay Action Committee
9:00 PM – The Cape Cod Vertical Lift Bridge
10:00 PM – PACE Monthly
10:30 PM – Dartmouth Community Medical School – It Takes a Team

Monday December 16, 2013

8:00 AM – Arts.21
8:30 AM – Marion Museum of Natural History Rocketry Class
9:30 AM – The Dr. Is In
10:00 AM – VNA Health Highlights
10:30 AM – Tomorrow and Today
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Just Paws
2:00 PM – Storytellers
3:00 PM – Explore
3:30 PM – Earth Focus
4:00 PM – European Journal
4:30 PM – Global 3000
5:00 PM – The Register's Report
5:30 PM – MVTV Presents an Interview with Gabriel Byrne
6:00 PM – Around BCC
6:30 PM – Consumer Affairs
7:00 PM – Expedition New England
7:30 PM – Go Fish
8:00 PM – Boating Local
9:30 PM – The Rochester Historical Society
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show

Tuesday December 17, 2013

8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 PM – What's Linda Cooking
9:00 AM – Graceful Aging
9:30 AM – Buzzards Bay Action Committee
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Soldiers Journal
2:00 PM – Marion Auction – Antiquing 2013
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
3:30 PM – The Sippican Historical Society

4:30 PM – The Rochester Historical Society
5:30 PM – Graceful Aging
6:00 PM – Living Healthy with the Woman in You
6:30 PM – Emily's Garden
7:00 PM – Marion Museum of Natural History Rocketry Class
7:30 PM – Robbi Around Town – Christmas House Tour
8:30 PM – ORCTV Presents – Cranberry Harvest 2013
9:30 PM – The Register's Report
10:00 PM – The Dr. Is In
10:30 PM – Explore
11:00 pm – Creating Cooperative Kids

Wednesday November 18, 2013

8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Just Paws
9:00 AM – 2013 Tri-Town Holiday Events
10:00 AM – Melissa's Menu
10:30 AM – Living Healthy with the Woman in You
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Bioneers by the Bay
3:00 PM – Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM – Consumer Affairs
5:30 PM – The Steve Katsos Show
6:00 PM – Marion Auction – Antiquing 2013
7:00 PM – Boating Local
7:30 PM – In Focus
8:00 PM – MVTV Presents an Interview with Gabriel Byrne
9:00 PM – The Mass Factor
9:30 PM – New England Journal
10:00 PM – Soldiers Journal
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 AM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM – Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 AM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM – Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 97

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Daily Schedule

8:00 PM – ORR Junior High School 2013 Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors
8:30 AM – Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
9:00 AM – ORRHS Senior Superlatives Gala 2013
10:30 AM – ORRHS Video Production Class Projects
11:00 AM – ORR New Bedford Symphony Orchestra
Noon – ORRHS Football – Thanksgiving Day Game vs. ARHS
1:30 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
2:00 PM – ORR Junior High School 2013 Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors
2:30 PM – ORRHS Senior Superlatives Gala 2013
3:45 PM – ORRHS Video Production Class Projects
4:00 PM – ORR New Bedford Symphony Orchestra
5:00 PM – ORRHS Football – Thanksgiving Day Game vs. ARHS
6:30 PM – Inside the ORR School District
7:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
7:30 PM – ORR Junior High School 2013 Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors
8:00 PM – ORRHS Senior Superlatives Gala 2013
9:15 PM – ORRHS Football
10:45 PM – ORR Harassment and Bullying – What's a Parent to Do?

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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expansive sky to view the stars. The event is free and will be at the Cranberry Bogs on Acushnet Road in Mattapoisett.

Children's Christmas Concert

The Tri-County Symphonic Band celebrates the festive holiday season with its annual Children's Christmas Concert on Sunday, **December 15**, at 1:30 pm at the Sippican School, 16 Spring Street, Marion, in the Multi-Purpose Room.

The concert is a wonderful family experience designed for all ages and is free of charge.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will perform seasonal favorites including "Bells", "A Christmas Festival", "An American Christmas", "Three Moods of Hanukkah" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas".

A special part of this year's concert will feature the Sippican School Concert Choir, under the direction of Patricia Richard performing lovely settings of "Jingle All the Way", "Three Traditional Carols", "Jazz Gloria" and a colorful arrangement of "The Christmas Song."

Also, the youngsters in the audience will enter a drawing with the winners playing the sleigh bells with the Tri-County Symphonic Band in its rendition of Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride". The concert will conclude with



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MOVIE REVIEW

Solo Album

By Rob Gonsalves
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Inside Llewyn Davis. Starring Oscar Isaac and Carey Mulligan. Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. Running time: 104 minutes. MPAA rating: R.

"Talented" is death, a waffle-word to describe the never-was, the artist distinguished enough to get on stage and not stink up the joint, but not exceptional enough to soar and to take the audience with him. Llewyn Davis (Oscar Isaac), the folk singer at the center of the Coen brothers' *Inside Llewyn Davis*, is talented. Llewyn used to be someone, part of a folk duo called Timlin and Davis, until Timlin jumped off the George Washington Bridge. Now Llewyn drifts from gig to gig and couch to couch. The movie definitely takes the romance out of living in Greenwich Village in the old days; it's set in 1961, not even a decade after the events of Paul Mazursky's wistful memoir *Next Stop, Greenwich Village*, but the winter air is thick with the desperation of the "talented" to break out.

Inside Llewyn Davis is a plotless, week-in-the-life character study, following Llewyn from New York to Chicago and back, often in the company of a cat who seems as restless as he is. The musical backdrop works here the way it worked in the Coens' 2000 *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, the songs of Americana born of strife and poverty yet transcending despair by the purity of their sound. "If you're singing," the songs seem to say, "you're alive." Llewyn doesn't transcend anything; he's down, and he seems to want to take the audience down with him. He's a bummer, and Oscar Isaac plays him that way, but with an angry edge; Isaac is uningratiating but compelling. Llewyn is a jerk who knows life is passing him by, and knowing it makes him more of a jerk. He doesn't even have the redeeming musical grace that Sean Penn's even more loathsome guitarist had in *Sweet and Lowdown*.

As always, the Coens get the external details precisely right. I don't know how much it cost to reproduce the Greenwich Village of 1961, complete with period cars that are only seen glancingly enough to identify them as period cars (maybe those were done with CGI), but it was worth it. And as always, the filmmaking is gorgeously

controlled, no mess, nothing extraneous. The lead character is heavy but the movie isn't; it's full of lively, immediately readable people, except for Llewyn himself.



The title (also the name of Llewyn's solo album) is ironic: we never really do get inside Llewyn Davis.

We know so little about him; he doesn't say much about himself, and we don't know whether he mourns Mike Timlin or just mourns the fact that his own career hit the water along with Timlin. The only people who seem to like Llewyn are a sociologist (Ethan Phillips) and his wife (Robin Bartlett), and Llewyn repays them by losing their cat and then insulting them. Yet *Inside Llewyn Davis* wouldn't work if it were about a kind-hearted go-getter who doesn't make it. It would be too depressing. It plays as a deadpan comedy in which a has-been or perhaps never-was tries to be as objectionable and as annoyingly unyielding as, say, Bob Dylan (seen briefly here at the end, as if showing Llewyn how it's done) without having Dylan's genius.

So the Coens surround their central blank with more enjoyable company, like John Goodman as a heroin-addicted jazz player, or F. Murray Abraham as a Chicago club owner, or Justin Timberlake and Carey Mulligan as a husband-and-wife folk duo, half of whom Llewyn may have impregnated. I also appreciated Stark Sands as a soldier/folk singer who speaks fluent Coen-ese. They all have enough life to sustain their own films, but we stay stubbornly with Llewyn as he mopes and schleps the cat around and tries to scrounge money or couch space. Why make a movie about Llewyn (or Barton Fink, or Larry Gopnik, the mathematician non-hero of *A Serious Man*)? Why not, especially since American cinema tends to want to dismiss or forget any protagonist who isn't dynamic and aggressive and, well, American, particularly now in the era of the superhero blockbuster? In a world of iron men and supermen and Norse gods, Llewyn is actually an exciting novelty.

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a "Christmas Sing-a-long" featuring the Sippican School Concert Choir and special guests, followed by a volunteer community band called the "Cottage Street Jam Band", under the direction of Patricia Richard, leading a march from the Sippican School to Island Wharf to greet Santa as he arrives via "water sleigh".

MHS Open for the Holidays

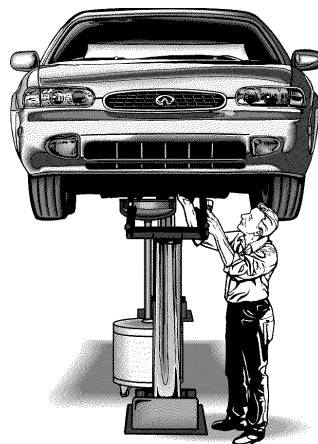
On **December 14**, there will be a drop-in craft for children where they can craft their own rope wreath ornament, and on **December 21**, you can view classic Christmas cartoons from the 1930s, 40s, and 50s while enjoying some hot chocolate. Exhibit and programs are free; donations are always welcome. For more information, please contact the Mattapoissett Historical Society, 5 Church St., at (508) 758-2844 or mattapoissett.museum@verizon.net, or online at mattapoissetthistoricalsociety.org.

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MARION

Log highlights Dec 1-Dec 7

- West Ave – Medical emergency
- Hermitage Rd – Larceny/past
- Zora Rd – Medical emergency
- Delano Rd – Medical emergency
- Converse Rd - Disturbance
- Doran Way – Larceny/past
- Wareham Rd – Larceny/past
- Olde Meadow Rd – Paper service
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Follow up
- Mill St – Family offense
- Wareham Rd – Follow up
- Delano Rd – Family disturbance
- Spring St – Disorderly person
- Rocky Knook Ln – Medical emergency
- Allen St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Suspicious activity
- Cottage St - Disturbance
- Cottage St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – Message delivery
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Wilson Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Front St – Emergency services
- Front St – Message delivery
- Indian Cove – Hunting violation

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec 1-Dec 7

- Neds Point Rd – Suspicious MV
- Church St – Health/welfare
- Church St Ext – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Harassing phone calls
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – Suspicious persons
- Hammond St - Complaint
- Tinkham Ln - Complaint
- County Rd – Summons service
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- North St – 911 abandoned
- Park St – Animal control
- Anchorage Way – Gunshots reported
- County Rd – MV crash
- Brandt Island Rd – Harassing calls
- Highland View Ave – 911 call
- Spruce St – Health/welfare
- North St – MV crash
- Main St – Ambulance request
- Long Plain Rd – Gunshots reported
- Oakland Ter – Assist citizen
- Melanie Ln – Suspicious persons
- Bay View MS Ave – Unwanted person
- County Rd – MV crash
- Main St – Intoxicated party
- Pico Beach Rd – Suspicious MV
- Oakland St – 911 abandoned
- Homestead Ct - Disturbance

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Dec 1-Dec 7

- County Rd – MV accident
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Walnut Plain Rd - Investigation
- Dexter Ln – Assist citizen
- Cushman Rd – Annoying phone calls
- North Ave – MV accident
- Forbes Rd – Suspicious MV
- Wordell St – Paper service
- North Ave – MV accident
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Rounseville Rd – MV accident/arrest
- Hartley Rd – Ambulance request
- Dad's Way – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Wolf Island Rd – Suspicious person
- Pine St – Ambulance request
- Taber Ln – Suspicious activity
- Quaker Ln – Animal control
- Burgess Ave – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Robinson Rd – Ambulance request
- Constitution Way - Lockout
- Bowens Ln – Officer wanted
- New Bedford Rd - Investigation
- Rounseseville Rd – Ambulance request
- Dexter Ln – Community service
- Higginson Ln – Officer wanted
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious MV

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 16: Teriyaki beef stir fry w/vegetables, Asian rice, dinner roll, pears.

Tuesday, Dec 17: Chicken veggie soup, breaded chicken, shipped potatoes, multigrain roll, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, Dec 18: Macaroni & cheese, escalloped tomato w/spinach, fruit muffin, Arctic ice.

Thursday, Dec 19: Holiday Celebration! Roast pork w/apple gravy, oven roasted potatoes, holiday blend veggies, snowflake roll, birthday cake, diet: graham wafer.

Friday, Dec 20: Italian style spaghetti w/meatsauce, Tuscan blend veggies, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit.

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 16: Fish 'N' Chips: "potato crunch" fish filet w/spiral French fries, tartar sauce, ketchup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Dec 17: Taco nachos: seasoned taco meat, cheese sauce, whole grain tortilla chips, lettuce, tomato, salsa, refried beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Dec 18: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Dec 19: Hot dog, homemade baked beans, Cape Cod potato

chips, pickle, fruit, milk.

Friday, Dec 20: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, steamed green beans, fruit, milk, Polar Express hot chocolate and cookie!

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 16: Fish 'N' Chips: "potato crunch" fish filet with spiral French fries, tartar sauce, ketchup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Dec 17: Hot dog, homemade baked beans, Cape Cod potato chips, pickle, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Dec 18: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Dec 19: Taco nachos: seasoned taco meat, cheese sauce, whole grain tortilla chips, lettuce, tomato, salsa, refried beans, fruit, milk.

Friday, Dec 20: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, steamed green beans, fruit, milk, jello!

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 16: Hot dog, macaroni salad, homemade baked beans, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Dec 17: French toast, light sausage patties, berries w/whipped topping, potato rounds, carrot & celery

sticks, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Dec 18: Chicken fajita w/sautéed peppers & onions, cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, black beans, Spanish rice, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Dec 19: Build a burger: cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, oven roasted fries, ketchup, mustard, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.

Friday, Dec 20: Chicken nuggets, lightly buttered noodles, steamed broccoli, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk, jello!

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Dec 16: Fish 'N' Chips: "potato crunch" fish filet w/spiral French fries, tartar sauce, ketchup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Dec 17: Hot dog, homemade baked beans, Cape Cod potato chips, pickle, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Dec 18: Stuffed crust pizza, garden stuffed w/dressing, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Dec 19: Taco nachos: seasoned taco meat, cheese sauce, whole grain tortilla chips, lettuce, tomato, salsa, refried beans, fruit, milk.

Friday, Dec 20: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, steamed green beans, fruit, milk, jello!

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 16: Fish 'N' Chips: "potato crunch" fish filet w/spiral French fries, tartar sauce, ketchup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Dec 17: Hot dog, homemade baked beans, Cape Cod potato chips, pickle, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Dec 18: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Dec 19: Taco nachos: seasoned taco meat, cheese sauce, whole grain tortilla chips, lettuce, tomato, salsa, refried beans, fruit, milk.

Friday, Dec 20: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, steamed green beans, fruit, milk, jello!

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Dec 16: BBQ beef patty, fries & baked beans or fish sandwich.

Tuesday, Dec 17: Meatball sub, green beans & chips.

Wednesday, Dec 18: Mexican chicken bowl & corn bread.

Thursday, Dec 19: Sheppard's pie & bread stick.

Friday, Dec 20: Assorted lunches.

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Sisters Margaret and Roni have been making unique Christmas ornaments every year for the last 20 years donating their talents and time in support of the church's programs by selling them at the annual Christmas Fair. Photo my Marilou Newel



The Mattapoisett Museum is open for the holidays on Saturdays from 9am to noon. Photo my Marilou Newel



Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity held a Gingerbread House Gala and Silent Auction fund raising event on Thursday, December 5. There was choir music, pianist Al Russo, handcrafted gingerbread houses and a silent. Photos by Felix Perez

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five private Marion homes.

The Village Stroll follows on Sunday, **December 15**, when the Sippican Woman's Club will again welcome visitors and offer traditional Wassail (3:00-5:00 pm); and for Red Sox fans, an opportunity to win a decorated theme tree: "Red Sox World Series Champions." Advance House Tour & Tea sale tickets are \$20 available at Serendipity by the Sea, The Bookstall and the General Store in Marion and at Isabelle's in the Ropewalk in Mattapoisett. Tickets are available for \$25 on the day of the tour at Coldwell-Banker Real Estate right next door to Handy's Tavern (152 Front St., Marion) where the Tour starts and where tickets may be traded in for tour maps. All proceeds go to local Marion scholarship recipients. Contact Jeanne Daly for additional ticket information at 508-748-1924.

Visit us at Sippican Woman's Club Website: www.sippicanwomansclub.org

Mattapoisett Lions Club Toy and Food Drive

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will again be collecting unwrapped new toys and cans of food during Holiday in the Park on **December 14** at Shipyard Park, on the waterfront of Mattapoisett Harbor. Toys will be distributed to local needy families, while canned goods will be donated to the local food pantry. So join the fun on December 14 and help out with a donation for those less



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Dr. Kate Marmelo graduated from Bishop Stang High School and received her Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Providence College (class of 2000). In 2004, she received her Doctorate of Optometry from New England College of Optometry. Dr. Marmelo purchased the Pearle Vision in North Dartmouth in 2010 where she examines patients of all ages. Dr. Marmelo resides in Mattapoisett with her husband and three children.

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Elizabeth Smith (left) and Gail Nicholson (right), both of Mattapoisett, volunteer their time at the Annual Season of Remembrance Memorial Tree for the Community Nurse Hospice. Mall patrons may donate a gift in the name of a loved one to be placed on the tree in support of the Hospice program. Photo courtesy Tim Smith



ORR students assisted with collection toys for the annual Toys for Tots campaign, pictured (left to right) Bob Graser, Aubrie Isabelle, Madison Barber, Diana LaRock, and Heidi Graser. Photo by Renea Reints



The Sippican Choral Society with the SouthCoast Children's Chorus presented its 2013 Christmas concert, last weekend which included "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten celebrating the 100th anniversary of Britten's birth. Photo courtesy Bernadette Kelly



On Wednesday, December 4th, the Marion Natural History Museum afterschool program explored different ways to help our local animals get through the lean winter months. The students also created their own "suet" feeders to bring home.



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fortunate in our community.

Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly Events Annual Christmas Party for Mattapoisett

Seniors: This event is free and takes place on Thursday, **December 12**, at noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Join Santa and his helper for a fun-filled time with lots of good food, good cheer, and good company. Sing songs of the season and enjoy the musical stylings of Rick LeBlanc.

Go to the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, in the original Center School Building at the corner of Church and Barstow streets, to get your free door prize drawing ticket and reserve your place at a table – seating is limited. Transportation can also be arranged through the Mattapoisett Council on Aging. For more information, contact the Council on Aging at 508-758-4110.

Reward Offered for Land Trust Newsletters!

The Mattapoisett Land Trust is assembling an archive of past newsletters. We have a complete collection from 2003 to present, but need copies of newsletters published in 2002 and earlier. If you have any old copies that we could borrow and scan, please call Mike at 508-758-2661 or email to m.huguenin@comcast.net. A lavish reward will be forthcoming, and your old newsletter(s) will be returned to you once scanned!

The Heart of Christmas Cantata in Marion

On **December 15**, the First Congregational Church in Marion will present The Heart of Christmas, a Christmas cantata by Pepper Choplin, during Sunday morning services at 9:30 am and 11:30 am. Under the direction of Choir Director Cassandra Morgan, 63 singers from Somerset, Fall River, New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Rochester, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Middleboro, Milton, and Boston will be accompanied by a professional 18-piece orchestra.

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The Town of Rochester ushered in the holidays with their annual tree lighting on December 9, 2013 with caroling and a visit from Santa who was brought in by Fire Engine. Photos by Felix Perez



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Before becoming Organist and Choir Director of the First Congregational Church, Cassandra Morgan was Director of Choirs in Belmont for 10 years and in the New Bedford High School for 17 years. She is a recipient of the Lowell Mason Award for Excellence in Music Education and the Distinguished Service Award from the Massachusetts Music Educators Association.

The First Congregational Church is located at the corner of Front and Main Streets in Marion. The Rev. Dr. Sheila S. Rubdi is pastor. Sunday school, adult and children's choirs, and nursery care are features of the church's program of worship, and pastoral care is offered to all.

Marion Art Center Holiday Events

Holiday Shop Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free.

On Saturday, **December 14**, Timothy Wade, local sand and ice sculptor and painter, will give an ice carving demonstration starting at 10:00 am on the patio outside the Art Center on the Pleasant Street side. Meanwhile, inside the Art Center, local wood carver Mike McCarthy,

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ACROSS

- 1 Wilde who's often quoted
6 Deli meat
13 Versatile furniture item
20 Huge crowd
21 Black piano keys, informally
22 Greed
23 Winter holiday cry on an island?
25 Decuple
26 Made haste
27 Impart, gradually
28 Round Table address
29 Hollywood's West
30 Church recess
32 Event for socializing with a celebrity on an island?
36 Feels in one's bones
39 Atkins of country
41 George Bush's rival in 2000
42 Lead-in for skeleton
43 Viola relative
45 Sorrowful

- 47 Musical practice piece
51 1980s puzzle fad on an island?
54 "9 to 5" singer on an island?
58 Engendered
59 Disaffirms
61 Not made up for, as sins
62 Bind legally
65 Barbecue botherer
66 Russian vodka brand, for short
67 Snaky shape
68 1939 Oscar winner on an island?
73 Assents to
76 Event for the accused
77 "Silver" novelist Levin
78 Not far off
82 Short play or opera
84 Skull caps?
87 Mucky earth
88 Top dog on an island?
90 Using both TV and radio on an island?
93 "— free!" (hostage's cry)

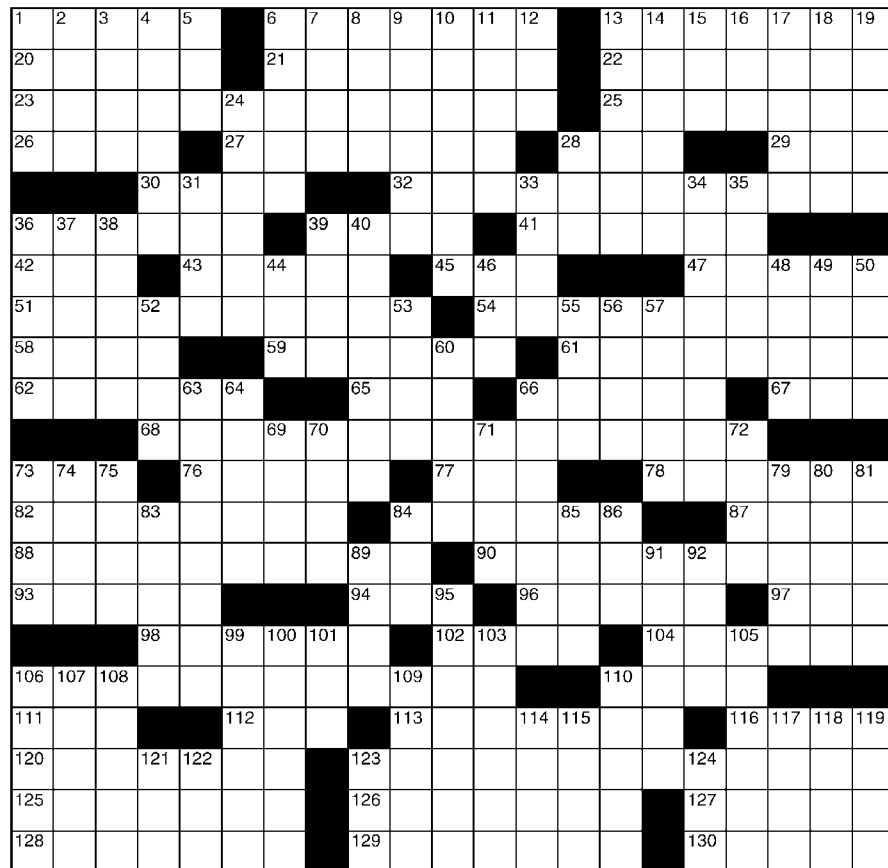
- 94 Atop, to bards
96 Lerner's "My Fair Lady"
collaborator
97 Tank filler
98 Arctic covering
102 Site for a cyberruction
104 "— we met?"
106 "My Way" singer on an island?
110 Heap
111 Snakelike fish
112 Make the effort
113 More suggestive of an equine
116 Ostrich relative
120 Paradoxes
123 Drawer of needlessly complex machines on an island?
125 Veer
126 Was overly fond of
127 Actor Foxx
128 Feel weak in the heat
129 Spring farm machines
130 More cagey

DOWN

- 1 Units of resistance
2 Ivory, e.g.
3 Mötley —
4 Puma rival
5 Minicam button abbr.
6 Switzerland's capital, to the French
7 Kimono securers
8 Perplexed
9 Prompt
10 Limy vodka cocktails
11 Author Zora — Hurston
12 Mule's father
13 Filling fully
14 Carry to extremes
15 Air circulator
16 Dog's sound
17 Tundra or rain forest
18 Great acclamation
19 "Fiddle: —!"
24 Sounds from steam irons
28 Mineo of "Tonka"
31 Little kiss
33 "I did it!"
34 Amino acid supplement popular with bodybuilders
35 Prefix with fit
36 — Croatian

- 37 Affluent outlying area
38 Peace award
39 Solving aid
40 Boot-sole reinforcer
44 Kind of PC screen
46 Gym rat's "six-pack"
48 — Reader (magazine name)
49 Executes
50 Terminations
52 "Got it, bro"
53 — She Sweet
55 Guitar's kin
56 — pronounce you ...
57 Pol Sarah
60 Moral system
63 Test of inner courage
64 Keep an — the ground
66 Former HHS chief Donna
69 Bearing
70 Battles it out
71 Mine car
72 Notre —
73 — and aahs
74 Leg bender
75 Chair or pew
79 Chain of hills
80 Musician Eno

- 81 Fungi in a supermarket
83 Sys —
84 Make a case against?
85 Gambit
86 Holy Mlle.
89 — flight (go by plane)
91 Revolving
92 Entrée, e.g.
95 Put on a detour
99 Will concern
100 Person swearing
101 Lowell or Tan
103 — -wire fence
105 Spoken
106 Eats
107 Replenish
108 Still kicking
109 Spasm
110 Lowly types
114 "Smooth Operator" singer
115 Stereotypical lab assistant
117 Prefix for "half"
118 — Canal
119 Antiquing aid
121 Baseball's Hodges
122 Tatami, e.g.
123 Radio spots
124 Radio personalities



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Arian penchant for impatience shows, as you consider passing a problem-prone project on to someone else. Best advice: Stay with it and work out those snarls yourself.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Even patient Bovines can be frustrated when carefully made plans go awry. But crank up that "stick-to-it-ivity" you do so well, and you'll soon find that your schedule is back in sync.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your aspect favors using more resourceful means in dealing with a workplace situation. Some discreet checking around could help shed light on the root cause of the problem.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You show an unusually strong streak of stubbornness in rejecting suggestions from friends and/or family members early in the week. But you become more receptive by the week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find a gentler approach more effective when dealing with those who resist needed changes. Remember, the word "persuasion" starts with the sound "purr."

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A disappointing experience with someone you felt you could trust can be painful. But there just might be more to this situation than you're aware of. Press for an explanation.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Changing your views about something you believe in isn't easy. But you might reconsider as the facts come in. Keep your mind open, even if you're uneasy about what you might learn.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to do some serious shifting of gears to get your project back on track. But cheer up. Your hard work starts to produce some positive results by the week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unsettling mood at the start of the week soon lifts and gives way to a more positive attitude as you find fun and friendship beginning to dominate your aspect.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A delay in firming up holiday plans could work to your advantage. Use this time to scout out possibilities that might be more in line with what those close to you would prefer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some people might question some of the new friends you've welcomed into your life. But your ability to see beyond the obvious helps you recognize how special they are.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Financial matters can be especially tricky this week. It's best to follow a conservative investment path for now, and wait for a more fortuitous time to take a bolder approach.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your warmth, your humor and your genuine concern for others make you someone people love to keep close to their lives.

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The Marion Art Center is located at 80 Pleasant Street. For more information, visit MAC's website at www.marionartcenter.org or call 508-748-1266.

Marion Recreation Public Ice Skating

The dates for the Marion Recreation Public Ice Skating season are as follows: **December 15, 22, 26 and 29, January 12, 19, 20 and 26, February 2, 9, 16, 20 and 23.** Admission is still only \$5 per person. Hats and gloves are required. Any questions, please contact the Marion Recreation Department at 774-217-8355 or info@marionrecreation.com.

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Marilyn (Lacroix) Caron, 91, of Mattapoisett died December 6, 2013 at St. Luke's Hospital after a period of declining health.

She was the wife of the late Albert W. Caron, Sr.

Born in Taunton, the daughter of the late Charles and Grace (Lee) Lacroix, she lived in Taunton while spending summers at Crescent Beach Mattapoisett before

moving full time in 1979.

Mrs. Caron was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church Mattapoisett.

She was proud to work as a nurse at Morton Hospital on Surgical II for 38 years. She retired in 1987 and was an active member of the Morton Hospital Retirees Association. Mrs. Caron continued to work doing private duty as a nurse as well as being the "nurse" of Crescent Beach.

Survivors include 3 sons, Albert W. Caron, Jr. and his wife Eileen of Marion, Rev. Paul A. Caron, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Mattapoisett and St. Rita of Cascia in Marion and David C. Caron and his wife Jennifer of East Sandwich; 4 grandchildren, Stephanie Clark and her husband Jason, Andrea Bergner and her husband Andrew, Alexandra Caron and James A. Caron; and a great-grandson, Jack Austin Clark. She also leaves behind the wonderful supportive community of Crescent Beach in Mattapoisett.

She was the sister of the late Janet Moniz and Rosemary Quigley.

Her family is grateful for the compassionate care she received at Sippican Health Care Center and St. Luke's PCU.

Her visiting hours will be held on Thursday from 4-7 PM in St. Anthony's Church, 22 Barstow St. Mattapoisett. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 13th at 11 AM in St. Anthony's Church followed by burial in St. Anthony's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Anthony's Restoration Fund. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. For on-line guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com. **Obituaries:**



Captain John Gage Carlson of Marion, Massachusetts, passed away in comfort and peace, in his home, October 28, on his ninety second birthday, with family members in attendance.

Born in Winchester, Massachusetts, on October 28, 1921, he was the son of Francis O.P. Carlson and Lura Alice Elliott.

Captain Carlson was pre-deceased by his wife of 68 years, Dell Gates Carlson and their son, John William Carlson of the Republic of Panama. He is survived by his brother, Francis Elliott Carlson, of Leesburg VA; his sister-in-law, Sally Gates Earle, of Leicester, MA; his daughter, Johanna Elliott Carlson, of North Brookfield NY; and son, Christian Peter

Carlson, of New Bedford MA. Other surviving family include daughter-in-law, Jacqueline Evans Carlson of the Republic of Panama, six grandsons, Douglas Frank Ewer of Manhattan Beach, CA; Ryan Gage Mastroccio and his wife Ellen Paradise of Syracuse NY; David Dower and his wife Ariel Rose Dower of North Plainfield, NJ; Captain Jon Elliott Carlson of the Republic of Panama; James Patrick Carlson and his wife Katherine Melissa Carlson, of Boynton Beach, FL; Jack Carlson Fanelli and his wife Jennifer Rotundo Fanelli of Utica, NY, and three great-grandsons, Gaige Putnam Barker, Evan Gerard Mastroccio and Aiden John Carlson.

Captain Carlson graduated from the Massachusetts Nautical School, now the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, with the class of 1941, having trained as cadet aboard the barque Nantucket. He was recently honored at the MMA with a reception and viewing of his photographs of the Nantucket, taken during his training years. Captain Carlson was the youngest Master Mariner in the history of the United States, receiving his Master Mariner papers at the age of 23, entitling him to command merchant vessels of any size on any ocean.

Captain Carlson served in the Merchant Marines from 1940-1947. He was Jr. Third Mate aboard the SS Arkansan when she was bombed and damaged by air attack in 1941. The ship was later torpedoed and sunk in 1942. He served as Second and Chief Mate on numerous liberty ships during WWII in the Mediterranean War Theatre. He was granted The Atlantic War Zone Bar, The Merchant Marine Defense Bar and the Mediterranean Middle East War Zone Bar by the War Shipping Administration. He was granted veteran status by the U.S. Defense Department in 1988.

Post WWII, Captain Carlson was Chief Mate and Master of numerous merchant vessels, traveling to ports all over the world; Master of the Towboat, John Duff, in New Bedford, MA, and Second Mate aboard the RV Atlantis, research sailing ship of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

In 1953, Captain Carlson moved with his wife and three children to the Panama Canal Zone, where he served as Ferry Captain, Ship Pilot and Tugboat Master on the Panama Canal. He was awarded two commendations for meritorious service by the Canal Zone Governor, one for which he and his tugboat crew helped to extinguish a fire aboard a ship in the locks and on another occasion when "his quick thinking and expert command of his tugboat and crew" enabled him to rescue a ship that had lost power in the channel and was drifting dangerously close to the Thatcher Ferry Bridge (now the Bridge of the Americas) and also in danger of running aground, "averting a serious marine tragedy."

Captain Carlson and his family enjoyed racing their sailboats, the Nordstar and Gemini and exploring the many tropical islands off the Pacific Coast of Panama, as well as exploring the pristine beaches and mountainous jungles of the mainland. Captain and Mrs. Carlson, along with their friends Russ Meisner and Lynn and Joan Stratford, were responsible

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SHINE Counselor (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders): Medicare Open Enrollment is **through December 7**. Medicare plans change every year. This is the time to choose and review your coverage for 2014. Call the COA for appointment.

Newsletter Online: Please send your email address to sschwager@marionma.gov. Due to the cost of postage and printing, beginning in January the newsletter will only be mailed to those who request it. You may also access the newsletter on line at the Town website. The newsletter is available at the following locations: Eastern Bank, the Marion General Store, Library, Converse Realty, Post Office, and Hillers Fuel.

Transportation: You must call at least 48 hours in advance.

Medical Appointments: Wareham area Monday am and Thursday pm; Dartmouth & New Bedford Monday pm & Thursday am; Plymouth on the fourth Tuesday of the month; Boston on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

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for making the clubhouse of the Balboa Yacht Club in the 50's, a favorite social gathering venue for many "Zonians". Captain Carlson was commodore of the "BYC", several times and was honored with a lifetime membership. In later years, he and his wife Dell and their beloved dogs, enjoyed many happy days on their Grand Banks, the Moonlight, until his retirement in 1976. Captain Carlson was honored with the gift of the brass bell from his tugboat, the "Arraijan".

The Carlsons then returned to the states to live in Marion Massachusetts. Captain Carlson was a member of the Sippican Rod and Gun Club in Rochester, MA and the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion. "Captain Jack" was known to row his peapod, the "Bitter End" from Marion to Falmouth, well into his 70's.

"And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over".....Sea Fever by John Masefield

A celebration of the life of Captain Carlson will be held at the Seaman's Bethel in New Bedford, MA. 11:00 a.m., December 14, 2013.

The Carlson family cordially invites you to a reception immediately following the services at the Inn on Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett, MA.

Arrangements are by Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA



James M. "Jay" Henderson, III, 53, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, December 5, 2013 surrounded by his loved ones.

Born in Milton, the son of Alison B. (Hersey) Henderson and the late James M. Henderson, Jr., he lived in Mattapoisett for most of his life.

Jay attended a Special Education program at Old Rochester Regional High School, where his outstanding personality quickly made him loved by every-

one. Through this program, Jay was introduced to Sheila Burchell and Rory McFee, who played a large role in setting the stepping stones for the pathway of his adult life. Sheila Burchell developed a work study opportunity for the Special Education program, in which Jay started to work for Sippican Corporation in Marion, Massachusetts and then later became a full time employee for 27 years. Rory McFee pushed Jay to become involved with Special Olympics Massachusetts where he excelled to win numerous medals, trophies, and was then able to qualify for the International Special Olympic Games, in swimming where his specialty was the butterfly. Although Jay loved swimming, he also enjoyed floor hockey, bocce, and bowling.

Through the strength of his parents and grandparents, Jay was able to progress and develop into the person we all know and love. Jay exemplified no matter how many adversities one is born with, you can grow, survive, and flourish in society.

Survivors include his mother; two sisters, Leslie B. Kesseli and her husband Steven of Acushnet, and Whitney L.H. Renauld of East Freetown; four nieces, Brooke Michaud and her husband Russell, Liisa M. Walsh, Jennifer L. Renauld, and Lauren A. Renauld; and a nephew, Brett W. Renauld.

He was the brother-in-law of the late Leo H. Renauld.

His Funeral Service was held on Monday Dec. 9, 2013 in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. Burial followed in Milton Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Sunday. Remembrances may be made to Special Olympics Massachusetts, New Bedford Chapter. Checks can be made to Special Olympics Massachusetts noted New Bedford Chapter, sent to 125 John Hancock Rd., Taunton, MA, 02780 or call 508-821-3635. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT ANTASSAWAMOCK CLUB LEGAL NOTICE

Antassawamock Club Inc. will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

Signed: Board of Directors
Antassawamock Club, Inc.

Eve Stoebel, Secretary 12/5, 12/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Robert & Lisa J. Barboza.

The Applicants propose to construct a residential pier facility consisting of a boardwalk over an existing stone jetty and a pile supported timber pier with a gangway, float and float anchor

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piles in the waters of Mattapoisett Harbor.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 20), Land Under Ocean and Land Containing Shellfish.

The project is located at 5 and 7 Shore View Avenue which is further identified as Lot #26 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #12. 12/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Theresa M. Sprague 32 Marion Road.

The proposed project is to construct two small additions on the existing dwelling. The project is located at 32 Marion Road, and is further identified as Lot 207 on Assessor Map 5. 12/12

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by David R. & Jennifer M. Kaiser.

The Applicants propose to construct an addition to the single family dwelling within the existing deck footprint and to construct a new deck within the open lawn area.

Said work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 15), and within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of the top of a Coastal Bank.

The project is located at 54 Ocean Drive and is further identified as Lot #13 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #15B. 12/12

the Elizabeth Taber Library to offer free delivery of books to home-bound residents. Please call the library at 508-748-1252.

Legal Assistance: The second Thursday of the month. Basic legal advice. Appointments are needed.

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Preschool Dance: Preschool instruction is for children between the ages of 3-4. The class is 30 minutes and involves ballet warm-up, jazz stretches, basic mat tumbling and basic tap steps. The fee for the 10-week Session is \$145 for Marion Art Center members and \$160 for non-members. (Child must be 3 years of age at the start of the session.)

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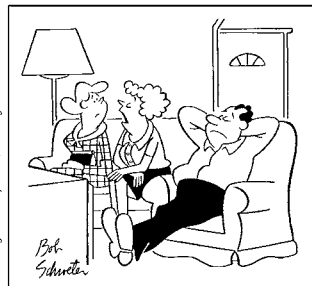
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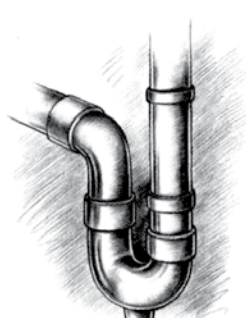
beginner mat tumbling. The fee for the 10-week Session is \$155 for Marion Art Center members and \$170 for non-members.

Intermediate: Intermediate instruction is for children aged 5-6. The class is 45 minutes and involves advanced ballet warm-up, barre and adagio, tumbling, jazz stretches and combinations and tap combinations. The fee for the 12-week Session is \$155 for Marion Art Center members and \$170 for non-members.

Little People's Theater (ages 6-9): Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30 pm; Instructor: Nancy Sparklin. Tuition: Each six-week Session is \$80 for MAC members and \$95 for non-members. Session III – **January to February 11**; Session IV – **February 25 to April 1**.

Each week, the children will learn basic theater craft through drama games, readers' theater and experience the fun of the stage while rehearsing for a small production to be performed the last week of each session. Nancy Sparklin is the instructor. Nancy is the Director of MAC's summer art program "ArtStart" and has been the Musical Director and accompanist for many shows both at MAC and around the community. The fee for each six-week session is \$80/\$95.

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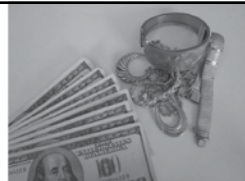

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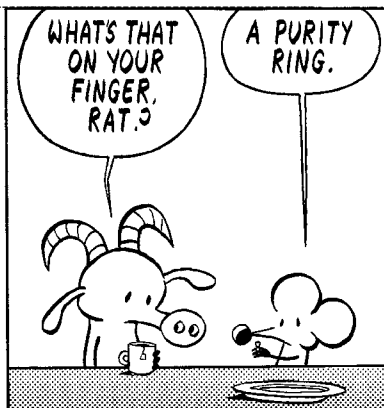
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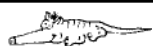


Local Tides

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December 12:	Thurs.	3:41	4:07	10:34	9:51
December 13:	Fri.	4:39	5:03	11:17	10:26
December 14:	Sat.	5:31	5:52	11:53	11:03
December 15:	Sun.	6:17	6:37	...	12:24
December 16:	Mon.	7:00	7:19	12:02	12:54
December 17:	Tues.	7:39	7:59	12:23	1:27
December 18:	Wed.	8:16	8:38	1:06	2:03
December 19:	Thurs.	8:53	9:18	1:48	2:39
December 20:	Fri.	9:28	9:58	2:31	3:14
December 21:	Sat.	10:05	10:39	3:12	3:50
December 22:	Sun.	10:44	11:21	3:53	4:25
December 23:	Mon.	11:26	...	4:36	5:04
December 24:	Tues.	12:04	12:12	5:24	5:48
December 25:	Wed.	12:51	1:02	6:23	6:43
December 26:	Thurs.	1:41	1:57	7:35	7:45
December 27:	Fri.	2:37	2:58	8:49	8:46
December 28:	Sat.	3:38	4:01	9:52	9:42
December 29:	Sun.	4:39	5:02	10:47	10:35

Phases of the Moon

Full Moon	December 17th
Last Quarter	December 25th
New Moon	January 1st
First Quarter	January 7th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*
In the December 5, 2013 issue the Aardvark was on page 55!

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Remote; 2. Gleam;
3. Build; 4. Alight

Today's Word:
GARBAGE

Sudoku Answer

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